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MEXICAN PACIFIC LEAGUE

2011-12 Regular Season Schedule

DATES	VIS@HOME	VIS@HOME	VIS@HOME	VIS@HOME
OCT 11	CUL@MAZ	MOC@GUA	OBR@NAV	MEX@HER
OCT 12	MAZ@CUL	GUA@MOC	NAV@OBR	HER@MEX
OCT 14-16	MAZ@GUA	CUL@NAV	OBR@MEX	MOC@HER
OCT 18-20	NAV@MOC	GUA@CUL	MEX@MAZ	HER@OBR
OCT 21-23	MAZ@NAV	MEX@GUA	MOC@OBR	HER@CUL
OCT 25-27	GUA@MOC	NAV@HER	OBR@MAZ	CUL@MEX
OCT 28-30	MOC@MAZ	NAV@MEX	CUL@OBR	HER@GUA
NOV 1-3	MAZ@CUL	MEX@MOC	OBR@HER	GUA@NAV[1]
NOV 4-6	GUA@OBR	NAV@MAZ	CUL@MOC	HER@MEX
NOV 8-10	MOC@GUA	MAZ@HER	OBR@NAV	MEX@CUL
NOV 11-13	GUA@MAZ	HER@MOC	MEX@OBR	NAV@CUL
NOV 15-17	CUA@GUA	MOC@NAV	OBR@HER	MAZ@MEX
NOV 18-20	CUL@HER	OBR@MOC	GUA@MEX	MAV@MAZ

End of First Half Schedule

DATES	VIS@HOME	VIS@HOME	VIS@HOME	VIS@HOME
NOV 22-24	MOC@GUA	MAZ@OBR	HER@NAV	MEX@CUL
NOV 25-27	GUA@HER	MAZ@MOC	OBR@CUL	MEX@NAV
NOV 29-DEC 1	HER@OBR	MOC@MEX	CUL@MAZ	NAV@GUA
DEC 2-4	OBR@GUA	MEX@HER	MAZ@NAV	MOC@CUL
DEC 6-8	GUA@MOC	NAV@OBR	HER@MAZ	CUL@MEX
DEC 9-11	OBR@MOC	NAV@HER	MAZ@MEX	CUL@GUA
DEC 13-15	MOC@NAV	HER@CUL	MEX@OBR	GUA@MAZ
DEC 16-18	HER@GUA	MEX@MOC	OBR@MAZ	CUL@NAV
DEC 20-22	GUA@OBR	MAZ@CUL	NAV@MEX	MOC@HER
DEC 25-26	HER@MEX	MOC@MAZ	OBR@CUL	GUA@NAV
DEC 28-30	CUL@MOC	NAV@OBR	MAZ@HER	MEX@GUA

End of Second Half Schedule

1-No game on November 1, doubleheader on November 2

Culiacan Tomateros

Culiacan is set a few miles inland from the Gulf of California. Culiacan is a thriving city and the state capital of Sinaloa. The name "Culiacan" is an old native word which means "place where they adore the God Coltzin."

A city of over 600,000 residents, Culiacan was a small village when Spanish conquistador Nuno Beltran de Guzman founded the villa of San Miguel de Culiacan on September 29, 1531. From the end of the sixteenth century and throughout much of the 1700's, San Miguel de Culiacan served as an important staging area for the Spanish conquest of the Mexican West. However, independence from Spain was eventually won for Mexico in the early 1820's, and Culiacan was granted the status of "city" in 1823. At that time, Sinaloa's state capital was in Mazatlan, but was eventually shifted to Culiacan in 1873.

As with most of the Mex Pac cities, Culiacan is an agricultural center, surrounded by some of the most arable land in Mexico of which the major crop is tomatoes. While Culiacan has a reputation as a tough town, it is also, in fact, a thriving and busy place with a fine State university in the city center, a lovely 19th Century cathedral sitting three blocks away from the ubiquitous Mexican *mercado*, there are beaches on the Gulf a few miles away in Atlata and El Tambor, and Ernesto Millan Escalante Park features gardens, pools, an open-air Hellenic theater and the longest water slide in northern Mexico. The Centro Cultural Genaro Estrada contains two theaters, several museums and a café, and is a centerpiece for the arts. There are several good restaurants in town, and one of the most popular regional dishes is steak *cabreria*, which features six different toppings and side dishes…it's definitely worth a try.

Something else worth a try is catching a Tomateros game at Estadio General Angel Flores, which is the largest ballpark in the LMP with 16,000 seats. The Tomateros have given their fans a lot to cheer about over the years, with nine Mex Pac pennants since 1967. Five of those came under manager Francisco "Paquin" Estrada, who also brought two Caribbean Series titles home to Culiacan. The city hosted the CS in 2001, one of two times the event has been held anywhere other than Mazatlan or Hermosillo in the twelve times the Series has been played in Mexico.

CULIACAN TOMATEROS 2011-12 Opening Day Roster

Pitchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
2	Jose Meraz	P	L	L	6' 1"	187	12-05-1987	Active	No	
3	Paul Koss	P	R	R	6' 4"	215	06-17-1985	Active	No	
11	Hector Rodriguez	P	L	L	6' 0"	185	12-11-1984	Active	No	
17	Marcos Camarena	P	R	R	6' 3"	202	09-08-1990	Active	No	NYM
22	Andres Meza	P	R	R	5' 10"	185	08-04-1986	Active	No	
26	Federico Castaneda	P	R	R	6' 3"	187	01-26-1984	Active	No	KC
27	Francisco Felix	P	R	R	5' 11"	205	07-28-1983	Active	No	
30	Carlos Hernandez	P	L	L	5' 11"	155	03-04-1987	Active	No	OAK
34	Oscar Hurtado	P	R	R	6' 0"	180	10-26-1988	Active	No	
48	Francisco Campos	P	R	R	5' 11"	185	12-08-1972	Active	No	
49	Salvador Valdez	P	R	R	6' 3"	201	05-08-1983	Active	No	
50	Miguel Rubio	P	R	R	5' 10"	220	01-10-1980	Active	No	
52	Arturo Barradas	P	L	L	6' 3"	190	08-10-1987	Active	No	
53	Amauri Sanit	P	R	R	5' 8"	205	07-04-1979	Active	No	
63	Carlos Muniz	P	R	R	6' 1"	190	03-12-1981	Active	No	
98	Alejandro Armenta	P	L	L	6' 1"	180	08-25-1978	Active	No	

Catchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
31	Adan Amezcua	C	R	R	6' 3"	198	03-09-1974	Active	No	
44	Ali Solis	C	R	R	5' 10"	225	09-29-1987	Active	No	SD
57	Jonathan Aceves	C	R	R	6' 2"	220	03-07-1978	Active	No	

Infielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
7	Maxwell Leon	3B	S	R	5' 11"	190	06-27-1984	Active	No	
10	Luis Cruz	SS	R	R	6' 1"	210	02-10-1984	Active	No	TEX
23	Emmanuel Valdez	DH	R	R	6' 2"	230	11-23-1978	Active	No	
38	Jorge Vazquez	1B	R	R	5' 11"	225	03-15-1982	Active	No	NYY
40	Sergio Gastelum	3B	R	R	5' 10"	200	10-19-1978	Active	No	
42	Refugio Cervantes	1B	L	R	6' 3"	220	08-05-1978	Active	No	
45	Travis Garcia	SS	R	R	6' 2"	205	04-18-1982	Active	No	
61	Ricardo Serrano	2B	S	R	5' 9"	165	04-03-1986	Active	No	

Outfielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
9	Tyler Graham	OF	R	R	6' 0"	180	01-25-1984	Active	No	
12	Eloy Gutierrez	OF	S	R	6' 3"	200	11-25-1984	Active	No	
32	Jesus Cota	OF	L	R	6' 3"	220	11-07-1981	Active	No	

MANAGER: Alfonso “Houston” Jimenez

Guasave Algodoneros

A city of about 67,000 people (plus another 200,000 in the surrounding municipality), Guasave is, like most Mex Pac venues, an agricultural center. The major crops in the area are corn, wheat, sorghum, soy, beans and cotton. The land around Guasave is generally rocky and the climate is usually very dry and warm, with an average of about 15 inches of rain a year and an annual temperature of 80 degrees.

While Guasave is only 22 miles east from the Gulf of California, the major source of the city's water is the Sinaloa River, which starts in the southwest corner of the state of Chihuahua and flows into the gulf. The river includes Navachiste Bay, which is known for aquatic sports and fishing; and San Ignacio Bay, noted for its clean landscape, calm waters and abundance of flora and fauna. Further towards the gulf from Guasave are The Glorias, a very popular stretch of the river known for its beaches and terrific seafood like shrimp meatballs. Along the river, there are many poplars and willows lining the shores.

Among the more interesting spots for travelers to visit are the 17th century ruins of Guasave's Old Town, the Nio ruins (which date back to 1767), and Tamazula, a colonial site featuring a museum and church first built in 1820. Guasave is well known for the raising of thoroughbred horses. Guasave is (again like most LMP cities) not a tourist destination, but it is a slice of authentic northern Mexico with its own enjoyments, and the lifestyle there is considered very traditional.

Guasave is represented in the Mexican Pacific League by the Algodoneros (or "Cotton Pickers"). The team is in its 40th year of MexPac baseball after forming in 1970. They won the LMP pennant in only their second season under manager Vinicio Garcia (going 1-5 in the Caribbean Series that winter), but have not finished higher than third place in the standings since then. The Algodoneros play their home games at Estadio Francisco Carranza Limon, which seats 8,000 spectators.

GUASAVE ALGODONEROS 2011-12 Opening Day Roster

Pitchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
00	Juan Acevedo	P	R	R	6' 2"	243	05-05-1970	Active	No	
18	Mauricio Lara	P	S	L	5' 11"	194	04-02-1979	Active	No	
19	Jorge Castillo	P	L	L	5' 11"	175	11-03-1981	Active	No	
22	Reidier Gonzalez	P	R	R	5' 9"	215	11-01-1985	Active	No	TOR
23	Jose Barajas	P	R	R	6' 4"	190	02-25-1988	Active	No	
33	Luis De La O	P	R	R	6' 1"	209	12-15-1989	Active	No	
36	Alan Guerrero	P	R	R	6' 0"	220	11-14-1987	Active	No	
40	James Avery	P	R	R	6' 0"	209	06-10-1984	Active	No	CIN
44	Casey Fien	P	R	R	6' 2"	195	10-21-1983	Active	No	
47	Salvador Robles	P	L	L	5' 10"	205	12-05-1985	Active	No	
54	Daniel Guerrero	P	R	R	6' 1"	190	07-21-1985	Active	No	
56	Sergio Mora	P	R	R	5' 11"	165	09-18-1980	Active	No	
71	Antonio Garzon	P	L	L	5' 9"	179	03-07-1985	Active	No	
74	Garrett Parcell	P	R	R	6' 5"	220	07-12-1984	Active	No	FLA
80	Adrian C. Ramirez	P	R	R	6' 0"	190	05-15-1988	Active	No	
92	Francisco Cordoba	P	R	R	6' 3"	231	08-26-1983	Active	No	

Catchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
53	Jose Felix	C	R	R	5' 10"	200	06-28-1988	Active	No	TEX
70	Gabriel Gutierrez	C	R	R	5' 11"	190	11-24-1983	Active	No	

Infielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
13	Jose Rodriguez	2B	R	R	5' 10"	187	07-28-1982	Active	No	
35	Jesus Lopez	SS	R	R	5' 11"	165	09-12-1987	Active	No	
43	Luis Borges	SS	L	R	5' 11"	187	07-10-1980	Active	No	
50	Marshall McDougall	3B	R	R	6' 1"	200	12-19-1978	Active	No	
58	Yurendell de Caster	3B	R	R	6' 0"	215	09-26-1979	Active	No	
78	Francisco Mendez	1B	L	R	6' 0"	163	01-06-1978	Active	No	

Outfielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
8	Leonardo Heras	OF	L	R	5' 8"	155	05-29-1990	Active	No	
14	Eduardo Arredondo	OF	L	L	6' 0"	220	10-15-1984	Active	No	
25	Mario Valenzuela	OF	R	R	5' 11"	209	03-10-1977	Active	No	
26	Ivan Araujo	LF	R	R	5' 11"	185	01-29-1984	Active	No	
29	Cristhian Presichi	OF	R	R	6' 0"	200	07-28-1980	Active	No	
33	Sergio Garcia	OF	R	R	6' 1"	185	09-20-1990	Active	No	
49	Japhet Amador	RF	R	R	6' 4"	220	01-19-1987	Active	No	

MANAGER: Matias Carrillo

Hermosillo Naranjeros

Hermosillo is the capital of Sonora and a city of 600,000 residents and is the largest home for a Mex Pac team, the Naranjeros. Hermosillo is in a rather unique setting, a landlocked desert city surrounded by various rock formations and crowned in its center by a tall outcrop lit at night by several radio towers.

Besides serving as a political center, Hermosillo is very much an agriculture-oriented city, especially cattle ranching. It is also an important place for industry, with car making one of the leading local occupations. Many early figures of the revolutions in the early 20th century called Hermosillo home, including General Alvaro Obregon, Plutarco Elias Calles and Abelardo Rodriguez. However, the relatively recent boom over the past fifty years has all but obliterated anything that may have survived from the old days.

While Hermosillo is very spread out and not the best place for visitors who like to walk around, there are some fairly interesting things on hand for tourists to check out. The Plaza Zaragosa is very pleasant with many trees and a lacy white bandstand, and on its edge sits a 19th century cathedral featuring twin towers and a dome with crosses atop each. A largely neo-classical structure, the cathedral took over a century to build. Also nearby is the similarly styled Government Palace, most notable for its courtyard murals painted by three artists in the 1980's. Another interesting spot is the Museo de Sonora, a beautifully-restored former prison (which maintains vestiges of its past life) which is now a museum. South of town is the Centro Ecological de Sonora, a zoo and botanical garden.

Hermosillo is home to the Mexican Pacific League's Naranjeros, or "Orange Growers." The Naranjeros are considered one of the Mex Pac's flagship franchises, and have played over 50 seasons and raked in 14 LMP championships. They play their home games at Estadio Hector Espino, a 13,000-seat ballpark named after Hector Espino, a Mexican baseball legend who spent 24 winters playing in Hermosillo. The right-handed batting Espino won 13 batting titles and seven home run crowns in the Mex Pac and still holds most LMP career hitting records. Considered by many to be the greatest player in Mexican baseball history, Espino hit a total of 752 homers between the LMP and the Mexican League.

HERMOSILLO NARANJEROS 2011-12 Opening Day Roster

Pitchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
17	Marco Tovar	P	L	L	6' 1"	190	12-31-1988	Active	No	
28	Juan Delgadillo	P	R	R	5' 10"	163	11-11-1982	Active	No	
32	Blake Parker	P	R	R	6' 3"	225	06-19-1985	Active	No	CHC
45	Demetrio Gutierrez	P	L	L	6' 2"	187	02-14-1990	Active	No	
49	Jonathan Castellanos	P	R	R	6' 0"	214	09-17-1981	Active	No	
54	Edgar Gonzalez	P	R	R	6' 2"	210	02-23-1983	Active	No	
57	Jesus A. Castillo	P	R	R	6' 0"	195	05-31-1984	Active	No	
59	Jason Rice	P	R	R	5' 10"	190	05-13-1986	Active	No	CLE
61	Alejandro Martinez	P	R	R	5' 10"	165	02-11-1989	Active	No	
62	Javier Solano	P	R	R	6' 0"	177	03-31-1990	Active	No	
63	Pablo Menchaca	P	R	R	6' 4"	225	11-28-1987	Active	No	
65	Arturo Mejia	P	R	R	6' 4"	185	06-27-1990	Active	No	
72	Marcos Zavala	P	L	L	6' 0"	165	11-26-1977	Active	No	
81	Miguel Ruiz	P	R	R	6' 1"	180	05-10-1986	Active	No	

Catchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
37	Erick Rodriguez	C	R	R	6' 2"	205	11-27-1979	Active	No	
38	Carlos Rodriguez	C	R	R	6' 2"	215	04-24-1977	Active	No	

Infielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
4	Ramon Rios	2B	R	R	5' 10"	200	03-04-1988	Active	No	
5	Carlos Gastelum	2B	R	R	5' 11"	165	10-29-1979	Active	No	
20	Humberto Cota	1B	R	R	5' 11"	225	02-07-1979	Active	No	
22	Jose Amador	2B	R	R	5' 11"	189	08-20-1979	Active	No	
44	Erubiel Durazo	1B	L	L	6' 3"	240	01-23-1975	Active	No	
53	Jesus E Castillo	3B	L	R	6' 2"	190	03-03-1983	Active	No	
68	Walter Ibarra	SS	S	R	5' 11"	180	11-01-1987	Active	No	

Outfielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
24	Evan Frey	OF	L	L	6' 0"	170	06-07-1986	Active	No	ARI
35	Fred Lewis	LF	L	R	6' 2"	200	12-09-1980	Active	No	
46	Val Majewski	RF	L	L	6' 2"	220	06-19-1981	Active	No	TEX
52	Henry Mateo	OF	S	R	6' 0"	175	10-14-1976	Active	No	
58	Jesus Loya	OF	L	R	6' 0"	170	06-15-1992	Active	No	BOS
70	Ramon Ramirez	OF	R	R	5' 9"	165	09-13-1990	Active	No	

MANAGER: Ever Magallenes

Los Mochis Caneros

Los Mochis, Sonora (home of the Caneros) is a city of 350,000 residents founded in 1893 by Pennsylvanian Benjamin Johnson. While it is a wealthy city in a fertile agricultural area, Mochis (like most MexPac cities) is not geared towards tourism. It is a hub of sorts, as it is connected by ferry to La Paz, Baja California Sur; has a busy airport with flights to and from Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Phoenix and Tucson; and is the western terminus of the legendary Copper Canyon railroad, Mexico's last major passenger railway featuring one of the most spectacular views in North American train travel.

Los Mochis sits on the Rio Fuerte, which irrigates an extensive valley region whose main crops are vegetables (such as beans and corn) and sugar cane and for which Los Mochis is the commercial and financial center. The city sits 15 miles from the Pacific Mexican port of Topolobampo, which is famous for its shrimp and fishing activity. One of the native animals is the yellow crocodile, which can grow as large as 38.8 feet and weigh over a ton.

As mentioned, Los Mochis is considered a stopover for travelers, not a destination. Visitors to town should check out Parque Sinaloa, which contains the most complete collection of palm trees in Mexico (including rare species imported from around the world) and is a great setting for a stroll in the cool of the evening. Parque Sinaloa is set in the old "Colonial Americana" section of Los Mochis, a former residential district for North Americans easily identified by its typical USA-style architecture featuring brick houses with front porches and yards on all four sides which give a unique character to Los Mochis unlike anywhere else in Mexico.

The Los Mochis Caneros (or "Cane Growers") entered the Mexican Pacific League in 1962, and are currently playing their 49th winter of pro ball. The Caneros play their home games at Estadio Emilio Ibarra Almada, which seats 11,000 fans. While the team is not usually one of the prime contenders for a Mex Pac title, Mochis has won LMP pennants in 1968-69 under manager Ben Valenzuela, 1983-84 under Vinicio Garcia and in 2002-03 for Juan F. Rodriguez. In two Caribbean Series, the Caneros have gone 4-8 over 12 games with second and fourth place finishes.

LOS MOCHIS CANEROS 2011-12 Opening Day Roster

Pitchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
	Andres Avila	P	R	R	6' 0"	185	06-20-1990	Active	No	OAK
	Alejandro Barraza	P	R	R	6' 1"	205	10-25-1990	Active	No	COL
	Fabian Cota	P	L	L	6' 1"	170	04-13-1992	Active	No	PHI
	Rafael Diaz	P	R	R	6' 1"	170	12-12-1970	Active	No	
	Teo Higuera	P	L	L	5' 9"	209	09-27-1991	Active	No	
	Irving Jimenez	P	L	R	5' 7"	163	11-16-1989	Active	No	
	Eder Llamas	P	R	R	6' 1"	180	09-21-1985	Active	No	
	Mike Loree	P	R	R	6' 6"	226	09-14-1986	Active	No	
	Juan Noriega	P	R	R	5' 7"	145	09-03-1990	Active	No	LAD
	Juan Pena	P	L	L	6' 3"	200	12-04-1977	Active	No	
	Fernando Perez-Abreu	P	L	R	6' 1"	185	01-14-1988	Active	No	
	Francisco Rodriguez	P	R	R	6' 1"	220	02-26-1983	Active	Yes	LAA
	Heriberto Ruelas	P	L	L	6' 2"	235	05-28-1982	Active	No	
	Edwin Salas	P	R	R	5' 9"	185	08-20-1991	Active	No	
	Tomas Solis	P	L	L	5' 9"	135	10-02-1982	Active	No	
	David Trahan	P	R	R	6' 3"	185	02-27-1981	Active	No	
	Francisco Villegas	P	R	R	5' 10"	185	03-23-1978	Active	No	

Catchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
	Noe Munoz	C	R	R	6' 2"	210	12-03-1970	Active	No	
	Mario Santana	C	R	R	5' 10"	185	05-23-1976	Active	No	
	Saul Soto	C	R	R	6' 4"	245	08-11-1978	Active	No	

Infielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
	Emmanuel Avila	2B	L	R	6' 0"	165	11-26-1988	Active	No	
	Jose Chavez	2B	S	R	5' 10"	180	01-02-1985	Active	No	
	Alex Cintron	2B	S	R	6' 2"	210	12-17-1978	Active	No	
	Jermaine Curtis	2B	R	R	5' 11"	190	07-10-1987	Active	No	STL
	Juan Carlos Gamboa	SS	L	R	5' 7"	152	04-18-1991	Active	No	NYM
	Sandy Madera	1B	R	R	6' 2"	176	08-11-1980	Active	No	
	Ramon Orantes	1B	R	R	6' 1"	210	12-05-1973	Active	No	
	Carlos Orrantia	SS	R	R	6' 0"	210	12-26-1981	Active	No	
	Carlos Sievers	DH	L	R	5' 8"	210	02-14-1975	Active	No	

Outfielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
	Yancarlo Angulo	OF	R	R	6' 0"	207	01-06-1987	Active	No	
	Luis Suarez	OF	L	L	5' 9"	198	06-09-1979	Active	No	
	Ivan Terrazas	OF	L	R	5' 11"	170	11-11-1983	Active	No	

MANAGER: Enrique “Che” Reyes

Mazatlan Venados

Named after a native word for "place of the Deer," Mazatlan is first and foremost the largest Pacific Coast seaport between Los Angeles and the Panama Canal, in which tourism gradually developed as an adjunct to its prior success as the "Shrimp Capital of the World." Mazatlan's thriving seafood industry lessens the need for tourist dollars that are the sole economic driver of other cities on Mexico's west coast like Ixtapa, Zihuatanejo and Puerto Vallarta.

While there are tourists who come for the outstanding sports fishing, a lot more people visit Mazatlan for its year-round sunshine and temperate climate. While the other seven LMP cities can get frying-pan hot during the summer and even the winter, Mazatlan sits just south of the southernmost tip of the Baja Peninsula, which blocks breezes off the ocean from getting to places like Obregon, Culiacan and Hermosillo. Mazatlan has miles of Pacific beaches lined by a seawall promenade called the Malecon. Visitors also indulge in golf, bicycling, tennis and water sports. However, if that's all any traveler in Mazatlan does, they'll miss the essence of the city.

There is an area in Mazatlan called the Zona Dorado, or "Gold Zone," and that's where the tourists generally congregate (and there are a lot of them). If visitors head outside the Gold Zone, they'll find that there is a lot more to Mazatlan than expensive hotels and restaurants. While the downtown core can't be called "Old Mexico" in style because Pacific coast cities were mostly fishing villages until the 20th century, Mazatlan is a lively place with lots of interesting places to go. It's a lot less expensive than the Zona Dorado, too. English is probably spoken in Mazatlan more than any other city in the LMP except perhaps Mexicali, which is right on the California border.

The Mazatlan Venados have historically been one of the strongest franchises in the Mexican Pacific League. The Venados (or "Deer") have won eight pennants in the modern LMP, plus another five flags in the old winter Pacific Coast League in the 1940's and 50's. Mazatlan survived a first round loss in January 2005 as the "lucky loser" team, and then went on to capture the Mex Pac pennant and their first Caribbean Series title playing in front of their home fans at 12,000-seat Estadio Teodoro Mariscal.

MAZATLAN VENADOS 2011-12 Opening Day Roster

Pitchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
7	Carlos Vazquez	P	L	L	5' 11"	180	09-03-1991	Active	No	NYM
12	Jose Luis Garcia	P	L	L	5' 10"	187	12-07-1973	Active	No	
23	Jasiel Acosta	P	L	L	6' 1"	211	07-30-1982	Active	No	
27	Alfonso Sanchez	P	R	R	5' 10"	203	07-27-1988	Active	No	
29	Carlos Santamaria	P	L	L	6' 0"	180	10-15-1991	Active	No	
30	Oscar Verdugo	P	R	R	6' 1"	172	01-21-1990	Active	No	
31	Jose Cobos	P	R	R	6' 1"	220	10-11-1980	Active	No	
32	Esteban Hernandez	P	R	R	5' 11"	191	10-22-1980	Active	No	
34	Mauricio Tabachnik	P	R	R	6' 2"	200	11-08-1989	Active	No	
39	Walter Silva	P	R	R	6' 1"	190	01-04-1977	Active	No	
45	Sergio Valenzuela	P	R	R	6' 3"	215	09-15-1984	Active	No	
47	Patrick McCoy	P	L	L	6' 4"	200	08-03-1988	Active	No	WSH
52	Pablo Ortega	P	R	R	6' 2"	190	11-07-1976	Active	No	
58	Luis Vazquez	P	R	R	5' 11"	220	09-09-1980	Active	No	
66	Hung-Wen Chen	P	R	R	5' 11"	210	02-03-1986	Active	No	CHC
91	Luis Rodriguez	P	R	R	5' 9"	198	09-15-1988	Active	No	

Catchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
35	Miguel Ojeda	C	R	R	6' 1"	230	01-29-1975	Active	No	
57	Hector Paez	C	L	R	5' 11"	190	03-31-1978	Active	No	

Infielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
2	Andrew Romine	3B	S	R	6' 1"	190	12-24-1985	Active	Yes	LAA
4	Oswaldo Morejon	2B	R	R	5' 9"	185	08-04-1978	Active	No	
5	Domingo Castro	SS	R	R	6' 0"	175	02-28-1980	Active	No	
8	Edgar Garzon	3B	R	R	6' 0"	178	08-24-1986	Active	No	
28	Brandon Sing	1B	R	R	6' 5"	215	03-13-1981	Active	No	

Outfielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
10	Jose Orozco	OF	L	L	5' 10"	170	10-17-1990	Active	No	
14	Ruben Rivera	OF	R	R	6' 0"	195	11-14-1973	Active	No	
33	Jon Weber	OF	L	L	5' 10"	190	01-20-1978	Active	No	
38	Christian Quintero	OF	R	R	6' 3"	185	03-02-1976	Active	No	
55	Rogelio Noris	LF	R	R	6' 2"	192	03-12-1989	Active	No	PIT
71	Lorenzo Buelna	OF	R	R	5' 11"	175	01-24-1980	Active	No	

MANAGER: Homar Rojas

Mexicali Aguilas

Mexicali, home of the Aguilas, is a city of 575,000 on Mexico's border with California. Historically, Mexicali is a fairly "recent" city, developed as a center for area farmers 100 years ago. After becoming the capital of Baja California Norte in 1915, it grew as a place for North Americans to engage in illicit activity as the 20th Century progressed (like many border towns). The economy expanded further as foreign companies established maquiladoro factories in Mexicali. Maquiladoros are common in Mexican cities along the USA border, and are built primarily by North American companies who seek to take advantage of Mexico's lower labor costs while having close access to the USA market. Maquiladoros account for much of Mexicali's burgeoning population. Across the border lies Mexicali's twin city of Calexico, California. Both share a 24-hour border crossing.

While Mexicali is not the tourist draw Tijuana has become to the west, there are still local points of interest. It has the Mexico's largest Chinatown (La Chinesca), and there are a large number of shops and restaurants in a triangular area near the border. In the former state governor's mansion on Avenida Alvaro Obregon lies the Galeria de la Ciudad, which hosts art works from many Mexican artists. Mexicali is also home to the University of Baja California, which features a regional museum featuring exhibits of paleontology, archeology, ethnography, landscape photography and missions of Baja California. The annual Fiesta del Sol in October is one of the year's highlights. Still, Mexicali is not a textbook example of a traveler's paradise. It is very hot during the summer, gets below freezing during the night in winter, and in general is not tourist-oriented despite being one of the most prominent border crossings between the USA and Mexico. Millions of people have passed through Calexico and Mexicali, but few of them have stayed overnight.

Mexicali's baseball team is called the Aguilas, or "Eagles." The Aguilas were formed in 1976, and are in their 35th winter in the MexPac, having won three LMP pennants and a Caribbean Series championship in 1986 under legendary manager Ben "Cananea" Reyes. Their home stadium, Estadio Casas GEO, seats 15,000 fans around a symmetrical field measuring 330 feet down the foul lines and 400 feet to center. Mexicali hosted the 2009 Caribbean Series, becoming the northernmost venue in which the tournament has ever been held.

MEXICALI AGUILAS 2011-12 Opening Day Roster

Pitchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
	Oscar Villarreal	P	L	R	6' 0"	215	11-22-1981	Active	No	
6	Oscar Rivera	P	L	L	6' 2"	185	04-13-1981	Active	No	
19	Irwin Delgado	P	L	L	5' 9"	176	06-15-1989	Active	No	
26	Mauricio Tequida	P	R	R	6' 0"	170	06-02-1982	Active	No	
27	Pat Venditte	P	R	R	6' 1"	180	06-30-1985	Active	No	NYY
31	Erick Threets	P	L	L	6' 5"	240	11-04-1981	Active	No	
32	Jailen Peguero	P	R	R	6' 0"	185	01-04-1981	Reserve	No	
36	Thomas Melgarejo	P	L	L	6' 1"	216	01-10-1987	Active	No	
39	Jesus Rodriguez	P	R	R	6' 0"	180	09-13-1985	Active	No	
43	Marco Duarte	P	R	R	6' 2"	185	08-19-1986	Active	No	
49	Santiago Gutierrez	P	L	L	6' 1"	205	02-26-1986	Active	No	
52	Rafael Cruz	P	R	R	6' 0"	195	08-20-1985	Active	No	
55	Miguel Duarte	P	R	R	6' 2"	205	05-26-1977	Active	No	
57	Jorge Campillo	P	R	R	6' 0"	230	08-10-1978	Active	No	
63	Ismael Castillo	P	R	R	5' 11"	160	05-19-1983	Active	No	
77	Ivan Cordova	P	R	R	6' 1"	220	06-08-1984	Active	No	

Catchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
00	Geronimo Gil	C	R	R	6' 3"	240	08-07-1975	Active	No	
90	Luis Juarez	C	R	R	5' 8"	176	02-06-1990	Active	No	

Infielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
4	Issmael Salas	3B	R	R	5' 9"	200	07-25-1982	Active	No	
8	German Duran	2B	R	R	5' 10"	185	08-03-1984	Active	No	
13	Oscar Robles	3B	L	R	5' 10"	185	04-09-1976	Active	No	
28	Adam Rosales	2B	R	R	6' 1"	195	05-20-1983	Active	Yes	OAK
31	Juan Canizales	1B	S	R	5' 10"	182	09-10-1970	Active	No	
53	Gil Velazquez	SS	R	R	6' 2"	190	10-17-1979	Active	Yes	LAA
65	Mike Jacobs	1B	L	R	6' 3"	215	10-30-1980	Active	No	
92	Hector Hernandez	SS	L	R	5' 8"	175	01-21-1985	Active	No	

Outfielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
7	Santiago Gonzalez	OF	R	R	5' 4"	140	07-25-1983	Active	No	
9	Roman Pena	CF	L	L	6' 0"	190	09-02-1986	Active	No	
22	Chris Roberson	OF	S	R	6' 2"	180	08-23-1979	Active	No	
24	Jorge Guzman	OF	L	R	6' 3"	215	11-28-1983	Active	No	
91	Ricky Alvarez	OF	R	R	5' 11"	217	02-07-1989	Active	No	LAA

MANAGER: Francisco “Chico” Rodriguez

Navojoa Mayos

The word "navojoa" comes from the Mayo Indian dialect root "navo" (or "prickly pear cactus") and "jova" (or "house"), therefore meaning "the house of prickly pear cactus." Even before the Spaniards arrived, the Mayo tribe had possession of the land including the Rio Mayo and the Mayo Valley, where the present-day city of Navojoa (pop. 103,312) now stands.

Although Spanish explorer Diego de Guzman arrived in the area in 1536 and Jesuit missionaries began settling locally in the 17th Century, Navojoa dates back to 1825, when it was part of the old State of the West formed after the Mexican Independence War starting in 1810. Later in 1831, it was separated and became part of the municipality of Alamos. As a result of political reform in 1869, it became a municipality.

Due to its geographical location, Navojoa has been considered from the start as the center of productivity of this region, combining with Ciudad Obregon and the Yaqui Valley to form the Mayo Valley, one of Mexico's most productive agricultural regions. The most important businesses are concentrated in Navojoa, with the main northbound and southbound state highways and railroads come through this city as well as highways going to Alamos and Yavaros. The city has gained in importance over the years due to its relatively close proximity to the coast, desert and mountains, as well as being just 360 miles south of the Arizona border on Highway 16.

Known as "The Pearl of the Mayo", Navojoa is a city of contrasts. In spite of its modern features, the city has preserved an array of important historical monuments in the area well worth visiting, among them the Municipal Palace, the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, sculpted monuments such as one erected in memory of General Alvaro Obregon, a plaza with obelisks in honor of the Talamante brothers. When visiting the restaurants in Navojoa, visitors delight their palates with the most exquisite regional Sonoran dishes, as well as international cuisine.

The Navojoa Mayos started in the Mexican Pacific League in the 1959-60 season and, after a two-year absence between 1960 and 1962, are playing their 47th consecutive year of winter ball. The Mayos won the Mex Pac pennant in 1978-79 under manager Chuck Goggin, and repeated in 1999-20 for skipper Lorenzo Bundy. "The Tribe" plays their home games at Estadio Manuel "Ciclon" Echevarria, an 11,500-seat ballpark named after a Salon de la Fama pitcher born in Navojoa.

NAVOJOA MAYOS 2011-12 Opening Day Roster

Pitchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
13	Ozzie Mendez	P	L	L	6' 1"	160	04-16-1988	Active	No	
15	Sandy Nin	P	R	R	6' 0"	170	08-13-1980	Active	No	
16	Carlos Elizalde	P	R	R	5' 10"	190	10-22-1977	Active	No	
17	Nick Singleton	P	R	R	6' 1"	170	04-23-1983	Active	No	
20	Florencio Bustillos	P	R	R	6' 0"	209	04-17-1989	Active	No	
29	Miguel Ramirez	P	R	R	5' 8"	190	05-08-1982	Active	No	
31	Hugo Gutierrez	P	R	R	6' 4"	200	12-12-1990	Active	No	
36	Sergio Lizarraga	P	R	R	6' 4"	195	07-23-1981	Active	No	
40	Misael Valenzuela	P	L	L	6' 0"	205	11-08-1987	Active	No	
42	Cecilio Garibaldi	P	R	R	6' 2"	190	01-05-1978	Active	No	
46	Rodolfo Aguirre	P	R	R	6' 1"	198	07-26-1985	Active	No	
47	Azael Alvarez	P	L	L	6' 1"	195	05-06-1982	Active	No	
50	Corey Thurman	P	R	R	6' 2"	235	11-05-1978	Active	No	
51	Leonardo Gonzalez	P	R	R	6' 0"	200	08-18-1983	Active	No	
56	Orlando Lara	P	L	L	5' 10"	185	05-20-1985	Active	No	

Catchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
26	Adan Munoz	C	L	R	6' 2"	209	03-09-1978	Active	No	
34	Jesus Vega	C	R	R	5' 11"	187	04-10-1982	Active	No	

Infielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
2	Francisco Arias	2B	R	R	6' 0"	195	10-03-1977	Active	No	
4	Amadeo Zazueta	SS	S	R	5' 10"	160	01-31-1986	Active	No	
7	Flavio Romero	SS	L	R	5' 10"	165	08-01-1979	Active	No	
19	Rolando Acosta	SS	R	R	5' 11"	170	04-13-1983	Active	No	
27	Daniel Fornes	1B	L	L	6' 1"	210	08-21-1979	Active	No	
35	Robert Saucedo	1B	R	R	5' 11"	260	09-26-1975	Active	No	

Outfielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
1	Alejandro Gonzalez	OF	S	R	5' 11"	155	10-18-1985	Active	No	
5	Christian Zazueta	OF	R	R	6' 2"	172	10-20-1984	Active	No	
11	Carlos Sosa	OF	L	R	6' 1"	195	05-19-1983	Active	No	SD
18	Omar De La Torre	RF	R	R	5' 11"	185	12-30-1979	Active	No	
24	Kraig Binick	OF	R	L	5' 10"	180	02-10-1985	Active	No	
32	Matt Young	OF	L	R	5' 8"	175	10-03-1982	Active	No	

MANAGER: Orlando Sanchez

Obregon Yaquis

Ciudad Obregon, home of the Yaquis, is Sonora's second largest city with a population of 450,000. While the city itself is less than 100 years old, the area it sits in had long been settled by the Yaqui Indian nation after whom the local baseball team was named. Originally known as Cajeme when it was given municipal status in 1927, the city was renamed in 1937 after Revolution hero General Alvaro Obregon, a Navojoa native who later became president of Mexico and initiated modern agricultural techniques to the Yaqui Valley that made the region one of the most prosperous in the country. In fact, the area is called Mexico's grain provider thanks to wheat growing standards partly established by Nobel Prize-winning scientist Dr. Norman Bourlaug from the U.S.A.

Present-day Obregon is the agribusiness center of a region whose countryside is liberally dotted with grain elevators, storage silos and cotton mills. While it is a working city and not tourism-oriented, there are some points of interest for visitors to take in. Laguna Nainari just west of town is a popular lagoon with restaurants, picnic areas and boats for water-skiing, while the nearby San Jose Beach features a spa. South of Laguna Nainari is the Parque Ostimuri, a tree-lined park geared towards young people (and the young at heart) with an amusement park, several refreshment stands and a zoo with animals ranging from deer and boars to turtles and gila monsters. The Museo del Yaquis celebrates the history of the valley and is doing its part to keep the culture of the Yaqui people alive. Moreover, the Mexican government has declared the Yaquis the only recognized tribe in the country, allowing them to continue their traditions (including their own government). There are four institutes of higher education in Obregon, and the local airport receives flight from 13 Mexican and four U.S. cities.

The Obregon Yaquis of the Mexican Pacific League play their home games in Estadio Tomas Oroz Gaytan, a 10,000-seat ballpark named after a state public works treasurer who helped provide funding for its construction. The ballparks in both Obregon and Hermosillo opened on October 8, 1970 and are virtually identical to each other. Past Obregon players include Willie May Aikens, Aurelio Rodriguez, Jerry Turner, Enrique Romo and Vinny Castilla (whose number has been retired). The Yaquis have won four MexPac pennants since their first season in 1958-59, and won the Caribbean Series last winter.

OBREGON YAQUIS 2011-12 Opening Day Roster

Pitchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
	Cody Eppley	P	R	R	6' 5"	205	10-08-1985	Active	Yes	
	Randy Keisler	P	L	L	6' 3"	200	02-24-1976	Active	No	
10	Hector Navarro	P	R	R	6' 0"	220	08-29-1979	Active	No	
15	Martin Sotelo	P	R	R	6' 2"	190	04-14-1986	Active	No	
16	Mario Mendoza	P	R	R	6' 3"	200	01-19-1979	Active	No	
22	Marco Quevedo	P	R	R	5' 8"	190	08-08-1986	Active	No	
23	Oswaldo Martinez	P	R	R	6' 0"	180	09-25-1988	Active	No	CHC
27	Marco Carrillo	P	R	R	5' 11"	215	02-01-1987	Active	No	CHC
28	David Reyes	P	R	R	6' 0"	185	04-12-1991	Active	No	
37	Rolando Valdez	P	R	R	6' 1"	191	12-15-1985	Active	No	
38	Hector Velazquez	P	R	R	6' 0"	180	11-26-1988	Active	No	
51	Angel Adrian Ramirez	P	L	L	5' 6"	185	10-01-1983	Active	No	
62	Hugo Castellanos	P	R	R	6' 4"	225	06-30-1980	Active	No	
64	Cesar Carrillo	P	L	L	6' 1"	214	09-25-1990	Active	No	
72	Ulises Gutierrez	P	L	L	6' 3"	190	05-03-1991	Active	No	

Catchers

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
43	Iker Franco	C	R	R	6' 2"	240	03-03-1981	Active	No	
59	Said Gutierrez	C	R	R	5' 10"	230	03-26-1980	Active	No	

Infielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
3	Jose Luis Sandoval	SS	R	R	5' 9"	175	08-25-1969	Active	No	
5	Carlos Valencia	2B	R	R	5' 10"	200	10-20-1979	Active	No	
14	Adan Velazquez	2B	R	R	5' 10"	180	05-19-1990	Active	No	
25	Mario Valdez	1B	L	L	5' 11"	190	11-19-1974	Active	No	
50	Agustin Murillo	3B	R	R	6' 3"	195	05-05-1982	Active	No	
55	Barbaro Canizares	1B	R	R	6' 3"	240	11-21-1979	Active	No	
57	Kevin Flores	3B	R	R	5' 10"	185	09-18-1984	Active	No	
99	Alfredo Amezaga	2B	S	R	5' 11"	165	01-16-1978	Active	No	

Outfielders

#	Name	Pos	Bat	Thw	Ht	Wt	DOB	Status	MLB 40-man	MLB Parent Club
2	Sergio Contreras	OF	L	L	5' 10"	205	04-30-1980	Active	No	
19	Leobardo Arauz	OF	S	R	5' 10"	190	01-18-1977	Active	No	
33	Albino Contreras	OF	R	R	5' 10"	205	04-30-1980	Active	No	
39	Luis Durango	LF	S	R	5' 9"	155	04-23-1986	Active	No	HOU
44	Doug Clark	OF	L	R	6' 2"	205	03-05-1976	Active	No	
47	Victor Diaz	RF	R	R	6' 0"	210	12-10-1981	Active	No	

MANAGER: Eddie Diaz

2010-11 MEXICAN PACIFIC LEAGUE STANDINGS & STATISTICS

MEXICAN PACIFIC LEAGUE (First Half final)	W-L	PCT	GB	RF-RA	RunAvg*	PTS
Guasave ALGODONEROS	19-16	.543	---	204-163	125.15	8.0
Obregon YAQUIS	19-16	.543	---	205-181	113.25	7.0
Culiacan TOMATEROS	19-16	.543	---	157-148	106.08	6.0
Hermosillo NARANJEROS	18-17	.514	1.0	187-166	112.65	5.0
Mazatlan VENADOS	18-17	.514	1.0	153-156	98.07	4.5
Mexicali AGUILAS	18-17	.514	1.0	167-188	88.82	4.0
Los Mochis CANEROS	18-17	.514	1.0	179-202	88.61	3.5
Navojoa MAYOS	11-24	.314	8.0	173-221	78.28	3.0

*-LEAGUE USED "RUN-AVERAGE" FORMULA AS TIEBREAKER FOR FIRST- AND FOURTH-PLACE FINISHES

MEXICAN PACIFIC LEAGUE (Second Half Final)	W-L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	PTS
Culiacan TOMATEROS	20-13	.606	---	9-6	11-7	8.0
Hermosillo NARANJEROS	20-13	.606	---	12-6	8-7	7.0
Los Mochis CANEROS	20-13	.606	---	13-5	7-8	6.0
Obregon YAQUIS	19-14	.576	1.0	9-6	10-8	5.0
Guasave ALGODONEROS	17-16	.513	3.0	11-4	6-12	4.5
Mazatlan VENADOS	15-18	.455	5.0	10-8	5-10	4.0
Mexicali AGUILAS	13-20	.394	7.0	5-13	8-7	3.5
Navojoa MAYOS	8-25	.242	12.0	3-12	5-13	3.0

MEXICAN PACIFIC LEAGUE (Composite Final)	W-L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	PTS
Culiacan TOMATEROS*	39-29	.574	---	20-14	19-15	14.0
Guasave ALGODONEROS*	36-32	.529	3.0	23-11	13-21	12.5
Hermosillo NARANJEROS*	38-20	.559	1.0	21-13	17-17	12.0
Obregon YAQUIS*	38-20	.559	1.0	19-15	19-15	12.0
Los Mochis CANEROS*	38-30	.559	1.0	23-11	15-19	9.5
Mazatlan VENADOS*	33-35	.485	6.0	17-17	16-18	8.5
Mexicali AGUILAS	31-27	.456	8.0	14-20	17-17	7.5
Navojoa MAYOS	19-49	.279	20.0	8-26	11-23	6.0

PLAYOFF RESULTS

First Round

Culiacan defeated Mazatlan, 4 games to 0
Obregon defeated Hermosillo, 4 games to 1
Los Mochis defeated Guasave, 4 games to 2*
*-Guasave advanced to semifinal as Wild Card team

Semifinal Round

Obregon defeated Los Mochis, 4 games to 0
Guasave defeated Culiacan, 4 games to 2

League Championship Series

January 21: Obregon 8, Guasave 1 (Luis Mendoza had 7 IP of 1-run ball, Barbaro Canizares hit bases-loaded 3B)
January 22: Obregon 7, Guasave 4 (Canizares and Daniel Fornes socked HRs as Yaquis too 2-0 series lead)
January 24: Guasave 12, Obregon 3 (Marshall McDougall hit HR, 2B and drove in 3 runs for Algodoneros)
January 25: Guasave 2, Obregon 1 (Sergio Mora retired 18 of 20 Yaquis batters he faced, gave up one single)
January 26: Obregon 3, Guasave 0 (Mendoza pitched 7 shutout innings, Canizares swatted 2-run homer)
January 28: Guasave 5, Obregon 4 (Yaquis SS Everth Cabrera committed 2 Es in 9th in Guasave's comeback win)
January 29: Obregon 5, Guasave 2 (Marco Quevedo had 7 IP of 1-run, 4-hit pitching as Yaquis scored 4 in 4th)

MEXICAN PACIFIC LEAGUE Final 2010-11 Statistical Leaders

BATTING AVERAGE

Eduardo Arredondo, GSV	.406*
Sandy Madera, MOC	.362
Justin Christian, MOC	.356
Geronimo Gil, HER	.338
Erubiel Durazo, HER	.329

HOME RUNS

Luis Alfonso Garcia, HER	21
Ruben Rivera, MAZ	18
Yurendell de Caster, GSV	14
Sandy Madera, MOC	14
Ramon Orantes, MOC	14
Agustin Murillo, OBR	14

RUNS BATTED IN

Luis Alfonso Garcia, HER	60
Ruben Rivera, MAZ	53
Adan Munoz, NAV	49
Sandy Madera, MOC	48
Jose Rodriguez, GSV	47
Agustin Murillo, OBR	47

RUNS SCORED

Justin Christian, MOC	60
Agustin Murillo, OBR	57
Jose Rodriguez, GSV	51
Erubiel Durazo, HER	49
Luis Alfonso Garcia, HER	48

STOLEN BASES

Justin Christian, MOC	24
Agustin Murillo, OBR	16
Jeff Salazar, OBR	16
Tim Raines Jr., MAZ	12
Eduardo Arredondo, GSV	11
Nelson Teilon, NAV	11

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Tike Redman, NAV	.452
Justin Christian, MOC	.452
Erubiel Durazo, HER	.434
Barbaro Canizares, OBR	.421
Sandy Madera, MOC	.418

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Luis Alfonso Garcia, HER	.602
Sandy Madera, MOC	.597
Ramon Orantes, MOC	.595
Justin Christian, MOC	.561
Ruben Rivera, MAZ	.554

WINS

Alberto Castillo, MOC	9
Matt Buschmann, CUL	7
Francisco Campos, CUL	7
Andres Meza, CUL	7
Alfonso Sanchez, MAZ	7

EARNED-RUN AVERAGE

Luis Mendoza, OBR	2.11
Marco Quevedo, OBR	2.63
Matt Buschmann, CUL	2.70
Alfonso Sanchez, MAZ	2.73
Andres Meza, CUL	2.74

STRIKEOUTS

Andy Sisco, MXC	85
Rolando Valdez, OBR	84
Dan Serafini, MOC	62
Matt Buschmann, CUL	61
Walter Silva, MAZ	58

BASES ON BALLS

Andy Sisco, MXC	45
Alejandro Barraza, MOC	36
Francisco Felix, CUL	36
Dan Serafini, MOC	36
Alberto Castillo, MOC	35

SAVES

Jose Silva, CUL	15
Jose Vargas, HER	13
Luis Ayala, OBR	12
Leo Rosales, MAZ	11
Francisco Rodriguez, MOC	10

INNINGS PITCHED

Walter Silva, MAZ	91.0
Dan Serafini, MOC	89.0
Matt Buschmann, CUL	83.1
Pablo Ortega, MAZ	81.1
Alfonso Sanchez, MAZ	79.0

WHIP (WALKS+HITS PER INNING)

Matt Buschmann, CUL	1.01
Francisco Campos, CUL	1.08
Luis Mendoza, OBR	1.08
Andres Sanchez, CUL	1.12
Alfonso Sanchez, MAZ	1.16

**-Arredondo was awarded the batting championship by the LMP despite being 10 plate appearances short of the 211 needed for qualification.*

MEXICAN PACIFIC LEAGUE Final 2010-11 Team Leaders

CULIACAN TOMATEROS

BATTING LEADERS: AVG-Amaury Cazana .268, R-Amaury Cazana 39, HR-Luis Alfonso Cruz 12, RBI-Amaury Cazana 42, SB-Maxwell Leon 11, OBP-Amaury Cazana .322, SLG-Amaury Cazana .442
PITCHING LEADERS: W-Matt Buschmann/Francisco Campos/Andres Meza 7, L-Francisco Felix 6, SV-Jose Silva 15, ERA-Matt Buschmann 2.70, SO-Matt Buschmann 61, WHIP-Matt Buschmann 1.01

GUASAVE ALGODONEROS

BATTING LEADERS: AVG-Eduardo Arredondo .406*, R-Jose Rodriguez 51, HR-Yurendell de Caster 14, RBI-Jose Rodriguez 47, SB-Eduardo Arredondo 11, OBP-Yurendell de Caster .360, SLG-Yurendell de Caster .546
PITCHING LEADERS: W-Francisco Cordoba 6, L-Daniel Guerrero 5, SV-Alan Guerrero 3, ERA-Francisco Cordoba 4.93, SO-Francisco Cordoba 56, WHIP-Francisco Cordoba 1.51

HERMOSILLO NARANJEROS

BATTING LEADERS: AVG-Geronimo Gil .338, R-Erubiel Durazo 49, HR-Luis Alfonso Garcia 21, RBI-Luis Alfonso Garcia 60, SB-Chris Roberson 11, OPB-Erubiel Durazo .434, SLG-Luis Alfonso Garcia .602
PITCHING LEADERS: W-Marco Tovar 6, L-Josh Butler/Edgar Gonzalez 4, SV-Jose Vargas 13, ERA-Travis Blackley 2.09 (60.1 IP), SO-Travis Blackley-52, WHIP-Travis Blackley 1.11 (60.1 IP)

MAZATLAN VENADOS

BATTING LEADERS: AVG-Heber Gomez .318, R-Ruben Rivera 40, HR-Ruben Rivera 18, RBI-Ruben Rivera 53, SB-Tim Raines Jr. 12, OBP-Ruben Rivera .389, SLG-Ruben Rivera .554
PITCHING LEADERS: W-Alfonso Sanchez 7, L-Pablo Ortega/Walter Silva 7, SV-Leo Rosales 11, ERA-Alfonso Sanchez 2.73, SO-Walter Silva 58, WHIP-Alfonso Sanchez 1.16

MEXICALI AGUILAS

BATTING LEADERS: AVG-Oscar Robles .303, R-Oscar Robles 40, HR-Jorge Guzman 12, RBI-Oscar Robles 42, SB-Reggie Abercrombie 6, OBP-Oscar Robles .403, SLG-Oscar Robles .469
PITCHING LEADERS: W-Andy Sisco 6, L-Victor Alvarez 6, SV-Oscar Villareal 5, ERA-Andy Sisco 4.04, SO-Andy Sisco 85, WHIP-Andy Sisco 1.40

LOS MOCHIS CANEROS

BATTING LEADERS: AVG-Sandy Madera .362, R-Justin Christian 60, HR-Sandy Madera/Ramon Orantes 14, RBI-Sandy Madera 48, SB-Justin Christian 24, OBP-Justin Christian .452, SLG-Sandy Madera .597
PITCHING LEADERS: W-Alberto Castillo 6, L-Three pitchers 3, SV-Francisco Rodriguez/Francisco Villegas 3, ERA-Dan Serafini 3.98, SO-Alberto Castillo, WHIP-Dan Serafini/Alberto Castillo 1.28

NAVOJOA MAYOS

BATTING LEADERS: AVG-Rolando Acosta .315, R-Matt Young 36, HR-Rolando Acosta/Adan Munoz 11, RBI-Adan Munoz 49, SB-Matt Young 7, OBP-Rolando Acosta .378, SLG-Rolando Acosta .512
PITCHING LEADERS: W-Leonardo Gonzalez 4, L-Rodolfo Gonzalez 8, SV-Miguel Saladin 4, ERA-Rodolfo Gonzalez 6.08 (50.1 IP), SO-Carlos Elizalde 47, WHIP-Leonardo Gonzalez 1.71 (51.0 IP)

OBREGON YAQUIS

BATTING LEADERS: AVG-Barbaro Canizares .320, R-Agustin Murillo 57, HR-Agustin Murillo 14, RBI-Agustin Murillo 47, SB-Jeff Salazar/Agustin Murillo 16, OBP-Barbaro Canizares .421, SLG-Barbaro Canizares .533
PITCHING LEADERS: W-Luis Mendoza/Marco Quevedo/Rolando Valdez 6, L-Rolando Valdez/Marco Carrillo 4, SV-Luis Ayala 12, ERA-Luis Mendoza 2.11, SO-Rolando Valdez 84, WHIP-Marco Quevedo 1.08

NOTE: Hitters needed 3.1 plate appearances per game played by team to qualify for AVG/OBP/SLG leaders
Pitchers needed 1 inning pitched per game played by team to qualify for ERA/WHIP leaders

2011 CARIBBEAN SERIES

FINAL STANDINGS	GP	W	L	PCT.	GB
Obregon (MX) Yaquis	**6**	**4**	**2**	**.667**	**----**
Este (DR) Toros	6	3	3	.500	1.0
Caguas (PR) Criollos	6	3	3	.500	1.0
Anzoategui (VZ) Caribes	6	2	4	.333	2.0

DAILY RESULTS

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

Obregon 4, Este 3 (15)	Anzoategui 5, Caguas 3

Thursday, February 3, 2011

Este 6, Anzoategui 5	**Caguas 7, Obregon 3**

Friday, February 4, 2011

Obregon 7, Anzoategui 3	Este 4, Caguas 3

Saturday, February 5, 2011

Obregon 6, Este 3	Caguas 4, Anzoategui 2

Sunday, February 6, 2011

Anzoategui 3, Este 0	**Caguas 7, Obregon 6**

Monday, February 7, 2011

Obregon 3, Anzoategui 2	Este 3, Caguas 0

BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE	.556	Ruddy Yan, Este
HOME RUNS	2	**Karim Garcia, Obregon**; **Jorge Vazquez, Obregon;** Luis Antonio Jimenez, Anzoategui
RUNS SCORED	7	**Justin Christian, Obregon**; Alex Cora, Caguas
RUNS BATTED IN	6	**Jorge Vazquez, Obregon**
STOLEN BASES	2	Alex Cora, Caguas; Esteban German, Este; **Leo Heras, Obregon**; Henry Rodriguez, Anzoategui

PITCHING LEADERS

WINS	2	Juan Padilla, Caguas
LOSSES	2	Willie Collazo, Caguas; Jose Rosario, Este
SAVES	3	Julio Manon, Este
EARNED-RUN AVERAGE	0.64	Raul Valdes, Este (14.0 IP)
WHIP	0.64	Raul Valdes, Este (14.0 IP)
STRIKEOUTS	11	Raul Valdes, Este

2011 CARIBBEAN SERIES ALL-STAR TEAM

POS.	PLAYER, TEAM	HR	RBI	AVG.	SB
1B	**Jorge Vazquez, Obregon Yaquis**	**2**	**6**	**.310**	**0**
2B	Alex Cora, Caguas Crillos	0	2	.381	2
3B	Danny Richar, Este Toros	0	0	.250	0
SS	Henry Rodriguez, Anzoategui Caribes	0	2	.429	2
LF	Ruddy Yan, Este Toros	0	1	.556	0
CF	Jose Constanza, Este Toros	0	1	.318	1
RF	**Karim Garcia, Obregon Yaquis**	**2**	**3**	**.300**	**0**
C	**Iker Franco, Obregon Yaquis**	**0**	**1**	**.316**	**0**
DH	**Barbaro Canizares, Obregon Yaquis**	**0**	**3**	**.333**	**0**
		W-L	**SV**	**ERA.**	**SO**
SP	Raul Valdes, Este Toros	1-0	0	0.64	11
RP	Juan Padilla, Caguas Criollos	2-0	0	2.79	5

MANAGER: Eddie Diaz, Obregon Yaquis

OBREGON YAQUIS

2011 Caribbean Series Roster

PITCHERS	HGT	WGT	B-T	2010-11 LMP Team	W-L	ERA	SV
Luis Ayala	6-2	190	R-R	Obregon	1-0	2.45	10
Francisley Bueno	5-11	200	L-L	Obregon	0-1	4.91	0
Marco Carrillo	5-11	215	R-R	Obregon	4-4	4.07	0
Hugo Castellanos	6-4	225	R-R	Obregon	3-2	4.76	0
Alberto Castillo	6-3	220	L-L	Los Mochis	9-2	3.94	0
Francisco Cordoba	6-3	230	R-R	Guasave	6-1	4.93	0
Alan Guerrero	6-0	220	R-R	Guasave	1-3	3.21	3
Daniel Guerrero	6-1	190	R-R	Guasave	3-5	4.98	0
Mario Mendoza, Jr.	6-3	200	R-R	Obregon	5-3	3.25	5
Hector Navarro	6-0	220	R-R	Obregon	1-3	3.52	15
Marco Quevedo	5-8	190	R-R	Obregon	6-1	2.63	0
A. Adrian Ramirez	5-6	185	L-L	Obregon	0-0	2.57	0
Adrian C. Ramirez	6-0	190	R-R	Guasave	5-3	3.75	1
Dan Serafini	6-1	190	B-L	Los Mochis	5-2	3.84	0
Rolando Valdez	6-1	190	R-R	Obregon	6-4	3.86	0
CATCHERS					**AVG**	**HR**	**RBI**
Iker Franco	6-2	240	R-R	Obregon	.273	9	44
Gabriel Gutierrez	5-11	190	R-R	Guasave	.281	4	26
INFIELDERS							
Everth Cabrera	5-10	175	B-R	Obregon	.301	1	6
Barbaro Canizares	6-3	240	R-R	Obregon	.320	12	46
Daniel Fornes	6-1	210	L-L	Obregon	.259	4	17
Agustin Murillo	6-3	195	R-R	Obregon	.262	14	47
Oscar Robles	5-10	185	L-R	Mexicali	.303	9	42
Jose Rodriguez	5-10	190	R-R	Guasave	.289	12	47
Carlos Valencia	5-10	200	R-R	Obregon	.207	0	3
Jorge Vazquez	6-0	225	R-R	Culiacan	.346	10	30
OUTFIELDERS							
Justin Christian	6-1	190	R-R	Los Mochis	.356	10	32
Doug Clark	6-2	205	L-R	Obregon	.314	5	26
Karim Garcia	6-0	200	L-L	Hermosillo	.333	9	31
Leo Heras	5-8	155	L-R	Guasave	.306	10	35

MANAGER: Eddie Diaz

COACHES: Joe Alvarez (Third Base), Octavio Alvarez (Bullpen), Hector Estrada (Pitching), Gerardo Sanchez (Batting), Manuel Velez (First Base)

PAST MEXICAN PACIFIC LEAGUE & CARIBBEAN SERIES CHAMPIONS

SEASON	MEX PAC CHAMPION	CS CHAMPION (COUNTRY)	MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
1945-46	Mazatlan Venados		
1946-47	Hermosillo Naranjeros		
1947-48	Guaymas Ostioneros		
1948-49	Culiacán Tomateros	Almendares (Cuba)	P Agapito Mayor, Almendares
1949-50	Culiacán Tomateros	Carta Vieja (Panama)	3B Joe Tuminelli, Carta Vieja
1950-51	Guaymas Ostioneros	Santurce (Puerto Rico)	OF Luis Olmo, Santurce
1951-52	Culiacán Tomateros	Habana (Cuba)	P Tommy Fine, Habana
1952-53	Mazatlán Venados	Santurce (Puerto Rico)	OF Willard Brown, Santurce
1953-54	Mazatlán Venados	Caguas (Puerto Rico)	OF Jim Rivera, Caguas
1954-55	Mazatlán Venados	Santurce (Puerto Rico)	3B Don Zimmer, Santurce
1955-56	Culiacán Tomateros	Cienfuegos (Cuba)	C Rafael Noble, Cienfuegos
1956-57	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Marianao (Cuba)	OF Solly Drake, Marianao
1957-58	Mazatlán Venados	Marianao (Cuba)	C Earl Battey, Valencia
1958-59	Guaymas Ostioneros	Almendares (Cuba)	1B Norm Cash, Oriente
1959-60	Guaymas Ostioneros	Cienfuegos (Cuba)	OF Tommy Davis, Caguas
1960-61	Hermosillo Naranjeros		
1961-62	Hermosillo Naranjeros		
1962-63	Guaymas Ostioneros		
1963-64	Hermosillo Naranjeros		
1964-65	Guaymas Ostioneros		
1965-66	Obregon Yaquis		
1966-67	Culiacán Tomateros		
1967-68	Guaymas Ostioneros		
1968-69	Los Mochis Caneros		
1969-70	Culiacán Tomateros	Magallenes (Venezuela)	1B Gonzalo Marquez, Magallenes
1970-71	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Licey (Dominican Republic)	OF Manny Mota, Licey
1971-72	Guasave Algodoneros	Ponce (Puerto Rico)	OF Carlos May, Ponce
1972-73	Obregon Yaquis	Licey (Dominican Republic)	SS Bobby Valentine, Licey
1973-74	Mazatlán Venados	Caguas-Guayama (Puerto Rico)	**1B HECTOR ESPINO, HERMOSILLO**
1974-75	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Bayamon (Puerto Rico)	1B Willie Montanez, Bayamon
1975-76	Hermosillo Naranjeros	**HERMOSILLO (MEXICO)**	**1B HECTOR ESPINO, HERMOSILLO**
1976-77	Mazatlán Venados	Licey (Dominican Republic)	OF Rico Carty, Licey
1977-78	Culiacán Tomateros	Mayaguez (Puerto Rico)	OF Leon Roberts, Caracas
1978-79	Navojoa Mayos	Magallenes (Venezuela)	OF Mitchell Page, Magallenes
1979-80	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Licey (Dominican Republic)	OF Rudy Law, Licey
1980-81	Obregon Yaquis	NOT PLAYED	
1981-82	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Caracas (Venezuela)	C Bo Diaz, Caracas
1982-83	Culiacán Tomateros	Arecibo (Puerto Rico)	OF Glen Walker, Arecibo
1983-84	Los Mochis Caneros	Zulia (Venezuela)	1B Terry Francona, Zulia
1984-85	Culiacán Tomateros	Licey (Dominican Republic)	P Jose Rijo, Licey
1985-86	Mexicali Aguilas	**MEXICALI (MEXICO)**	3B Randy Ready, Mayaguez
1986-87	Mazatlán Venados	Caguas (Puerto Rico)	1B Carmelo Martinez, Caguas
1987-88	Tijuana Potros	Escogido (Dominican Republic)	OF Rufino Linares, Escogido
1988-89	Mexicali Aguilas	Zulia (Venezuela)	1B Phil Stephenson, Zulia
1989-90	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Escogido (Dominican Republic)	OF Geronimo Berroa, Escogido
1990-91	Tijuana Potros	Licey (Dominican Republic)	OF Geronimo Berroa, Licey
1991-92	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Mayaguez (Puerto Rico)	C Chad Krueter, Mayaguez
1992-93	Mazatlán Venados	Santurce (Puerto Rico)	1B Hector Villanueva, Santurce
1993-94	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Licey (Dominican Republic)	1B Jim Bowie, Licey
1994-95	Hermosillo Naranjeros	San Juan (Puerto Rico)	2B Roberto Alomar, San Juan
1995-96	Culiacán Tomateros	**CULIACAN (MEXICO)**	**OF DARRYL BRINKLEY, CULIACAN**
1996-97	Culiacán Tomateros	Cibaeñas (Dominican Republic)	**DH MATT STARK, CULIACAN**
1997-98	Mazatlán Venados	Cibaeñas (Dominican Republic)	SS Neifi Perez, Cibaeñas
1998-99	Mexicali Aguilas	Licey (Dominican Republic)	SS Neifi Perez, Licey
1999-00	Navojoa Mayos	Santurce (Puerto Rico)	OF Jose Cruz Jr., Santurce
2000-01	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Cibaeñas (Dominican Republic)	**1B ERUBIEL DURAZO, HERMOSILLO**
2001-02	Culiacán Tomateros	**CULIACAN (MEXICO)**	**C ADAN AMEZCUA, CULIACAN**
2002-03	Los Mochis Caneros	Cibaeñas (Dominican Republic)	1B David Ortiz, Cibaeñas
2003-04	Culiacán Tomateros	Licey (Dominican Republic)	P Francis Beltran, Licey
2004-05	Mazatlán Venados	**MAZATLAN (MEXICO)**	**P FRANCISCO CAMPOS, MAZATLAN**
2005-06	Mazatlán Venados	Caracas (Venezuela)	1B Ramon Hernandez, Caracas
2006-07	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Cibaeñas (Dominican Republic)	3B Tony Batista, Cibaeñas
2007-08	Obregon Yaquis	Licey (Dominican Republic)	P Ramon Ortiz, Licey
2008-09	Mazatlán Venados	Aragua (Venezuela)	P Francisco Butto, Aragua
2009-10	Hermosillo Naranjeros	Escogido (Dominican Republic)	OF Fernando Martinez, Escogido
2010-11	Obregon Yaquis	**OBREGON (MEXICO)**	**1B JORGE VAZQUEZ, OBREGON**

2010-11 BASEBALL MEXICO WINTER AWARDS

BBM Winter Awards MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Justin Christian, Los Mochis Caneros

Not a lot was expected out of Justin Christian when he came to Los Mochis last October. Yes, the 30-year-old Nebraskan had carved a niche in eight seasons in the Yankees system as a guy who could play all three outfield positions and second base while adding speed to the lineup, but nobody expected him to become the impact player he was for the Caneros. And was he ever.

Christian ended up hitting .356 for the Caneros to finish third in the Mexican Pacific League batting title chase while leading the Mex Pac with 60 runs scored and 24 stolen bases, tying for the lead with a .452 on-base percentage and even finishing fourth in the circuit with a .561 slugging percentage. Batting leadoff, Christian served as a catalyst for a potent Mochis offense that featured power hitters Sandy Madera and Ramon Orantes, who saw a lot of fastballs at the plate because pitchers had to respect Christian's presence on the basepaths as the Caneros finished near the top of the league in homers, steals, batting and runs.

Despite hitting just .190 in the playoffs for Mochis, Christian was added to the Obregon roster in the Caribbean Series, where he hit .259 and tied with Caguas' Alex Cora for the lead in runs scored with seven. He signed a free agent minor league contract with the San Francisco Giants on February 6 for his efforts.

BBM Winter Awards PLAYOFF MVP: Iker Franco, Obregon Yaquis

Some players might look back on a regular season after hitting .273 with 9 homers and 44 RBIs in 66 games and call it good, but for Obregon Yaquis veteran catcher Iker Franco, it was just a warmup.

Franco, a 29-year-old native of Ensenada who kicked around the Rays and Braves systems in between scattered stints in the Mexican League with the Tigres before settling in Quintana Roo for 2008 and turning in three straight All-Star Game appearances since then, turned on the burners for the Yaquis in the Mexican Pacific League playoffs last month. He hit .340 in 15 LMP postseason contests to lead Obregon batters and seemed to have a knack for coming up with clutch hits along the way for the Yaquis: There was that two-run double in the Yaquis opening 2-1 first round win over Mexicali. Then that three-hit night with two doubles and two runs in a 7-4 win over Guasave. It didn't stop in the Caribbean Series, where Franco's two-out RBI single won Obregon's 15-inning tilt with Este, 4-3, in the CS opener. Franco went on to be selected to the tournament's All-Star Team with a .316 average over six games.

While it was a Jorge Vazquez homer that keyed Obregon's CS-clinching win, the Yaquis couldn't have made it that far without their 6'2" 240-pound catcher along the way.

BBM Winter Awards PITCHER OF THE YEAR: Jose Silva, Culiacan Tomateros

Okay, so I changed my mind. Originally, I was going to give this one to Travis Blackley, who was having a great winter for Hermosillo before heading home to Australia and signing with the KIA Tigers of Korea. But when I was poring through ALL the Mex Pac stats to make my All-Star Team selections, one guy's numbers not only jumped out at me, they put me in a headlock, so I'm going with Jose Silva instead.

Silva was drafted by Toronto in 1991 and went on to pitch for the Jays, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati between 1996 and 2002. He's worked in the Mexican League since 2004, and had 26 saves for Chihuahua last summer.

Although the Tijuana-born Silva is 6'6" and is listed at 235 pounds, he is also 37 years old and not so likely to overpower batter as he once might have so the righty fools them instead. He finished the regular season with a 3-0 record and converted 15 of 16 save opportunities. Good numbers? Try these on: He had a 0.95 ERA and allowed opponents to bat just .165 against him. Silva let in one run over his last ten regular season appearances for the Tomateros, then was 6-for-6 in saving all Culiacan postseason wins while limiting batters to an anemic .136 average with eight strikeouts in six innings.

Usually POY awards go to starters, but I couldn't NOT pick Silva. His statistics simply don't lie.

BBM Winter Awards MANAGER OF THE YEAR: Matias Carrillo, Guasave Algodoneros

One of the most respected batters in Mexican baseball history, Carrillo has also become one of the country's most well-regarded managers since retiring as a player in 2008. He added to his growing reputation by taking a historically-weak Guasave franchise and leading the Algodoneros to a first-half Mexican Pacific League title stretching Obregon to a seventh and deciding game in the LMP title series.

A Sinaloa native who turns 48 on February 24, Carrillo made his managerial debut in 2009 with the Quintana Roo Tigres of the Mexican League, the team he spent most of his playing career with. He has led the Tigres to two playoff berths, including a finals appearance in his first year. Carrillo came to Guasave last winter and took the Cottoneers to a playoff berth prior to this year's finals performance. Thus, in a total of four seasons over two years, Carrillo-led teams have earned four postseason bids and two finals appearances.

Carrillo played in 22 Mexican League seasons, all but two with the Tigres. He hit .300 or more every year but 2003 and 2006 and hit 340 career homers between 1982 and 2008. He also hit .288 with 159 homers in 27 Mex Pac seasons, winning the MVP award in 1992-93 after hitting .404 for Mexicali. An outfielder, Carrillo spent parts of three MLB seasons with Milwaukee and Florida, hitting .251 in 107 games.

BBM Winter Awards NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Barbaro Canizares, Obregon Yaquis

An Atlanta Braves farmhand, the 31-year-old Canizares played eight seasons for Industriales of the Cuban National Series between 1998 and 2005, batting .303 with 38 homers in 520 games and was a teammate of Angels infielder Kendry Morales on Industriales in 2003 and 2004 before both players were suspended for trying to leave both the team and country. After defecting from Cuba, Canizares lived in the Dominican Republic to avoid the MLB draft and signed with the Braves as a free agent before the 2006 season. He has played the last four years for AAA Richmond and Gwinnett, topping the .300 mark three times, and hit .190 in five games for Atlanta in 2009.

After a .341/13/77 season for Gwinnett in 2010, Canizares played winterball in Mexico for the first time with Obregon. The 6'3" 240-pound right-hander finished sixth in the Mexican Pacific League batting race with a .320 average and ended up in the top 5 in homers (12) and RBIs (46) over 56 games as well. Canizares hit .261 with three homers and 11 RBIs in 15 MexPac playoff games to tie with ex-LMP MVP Agustin Murillo for the team lead in homers and ribbies. He went on to come in sixth among Caribbean Series batsmen with a .333 average, tops among Yaquis players.

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1B	**Yurendell de Caster, Guasave** (Versatile Dutch WBC teamer batted .319 with 14 HRs and 44 RBIs)
2B	**Jose Rodriguez, Guasave** (Hit .289 with 12 HRs and 47 RBIs while committing only 4 errors in field)
3B	**Agustin Murillo, Obregon** (Only batted .262, but had 14 HRs, 16 steals and scored 57 runs)
SS	**Heber Gomez, Mazatlan** (Steady vet had just 3 miscues at short while hitting .318 with 5 HRs)
LF	**Luis A. Garcia, Hermosillo** (After hot start, led Mex Pac with 21 HR and 60 RBIs and hit .301)
CF	**Justin Christian, Los Mochis** (Hit .356 and led LMP with 24 steals, 60 runs and other categories)
RF	**Ruben Rivera, Mazatlan** (Crashed 18 HRs with 53 RBIs and hit .292 and was good defensively in OF)
C	**Geronimo Gil, Hermosillo** (Ex-MLBer was among leaders with .338 average, added 3 HRs and 36 RBIs)
DH	**Sandy Madera, Los Mochis** (Second in LMP with .362 average, also hit 14 HRs and had 48 RBIs)
LHSP	**Travis Blackley, Hermosillo** (Dominating LMP with 5-1 record and 2.09 ERA before leaving in December)
RHSP	**Luis Mendoza, Obregon** (Was 6-3 with 2.11 ERA to lead strong staff before MLB Royals shut him down)
RP	**Jose Silva, Culiacan** (Virtually unhittable: Was 3-0, 15-of-16 in saves, 0.95 ERA and .168 opponents' BA)

-All selections made by BBM editor Bruce Baskin

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SUGGESTED BASEBALL WEBSITES

Baseball America Website for the modern "bible" of American baseball.
Baseball Cube Very good site for major and minor league stats, including some LMB numbers.
Baseball de World If baseball is being played anywhere in the world, they cover it, including BBM stories.
Baseball Guru Interesting site with info from MLB to Negro Leagues to AAGPBL, plus stories from BBM.
Baseball-Reference.com Perhaps the best site for major league stats available.
ESTO Terrific Mexican sports site with columns by legendary writer Tomas "Tommy al Bat" Morales.
Major League Baseball Official site for the big leagues, with links to several MLB-run subpages.
MLB Caribbean Leagues Great source of info on all four Caribbean Series leagues during winter.
Mexican League Official site for Mexican League administered by MiLB. In Spanish.
Mexican Northern League Mexico's "Class A" summer league in Sonora and Baja California. In Spanish.
Mexican Pacific League Official site for Mex Pac, very well-maintained. In Spanish.
Minor League Baseball Official site for the affiliated minors, including the Mexican League.
OurSports Central Ultimate site for American minor league sports. Features BBM during LMB season.
Puro Beisbol Outstanding source for Mexican baseball news. Vital source for BBM stories. In Spanish.
Salon de la Fama Website for Mexican baseball's Hall of Fame. In Spanish.
Veracruz Winter League Site for Mexico's eastern winter league featuring several LMB vets. In Spanish.

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